

In the Claims

The claims are as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A portable telephone using a bone conduction device comprising:

a bone conduction device having an outer surface edge;

a housing having a concave portion with a bottom portion and an inner edge surface,

which is larger in diameter than said bone conduction device, and wherein said housing forms a main body of the telephone;

a cushioning material disposed between said inner edge surface of said concave portion of said housing and said outer surface edge of said bone conduction device;

a gap formed between said bone conduction device and said bottom portion of said concave portion of said housing ~~by said cushioning material~~; and

a vibration surface of said bone conduction device positioned to be slightly extended outward from said housing by said cushioning material.

2. (Currently amended) A portable telephone using a bone conduction device comprising:

a bone conduction device having an outer surface edge;

a housing having a surface and a through-hole portion, wherein said through-hole portion is configured to be larger than said bone conduction device, wherein said housing forms a main body of the telephone;

a cushioning material disposed between an inner surface of said through-hole portion and said outer surface edge of said bone conduction device positioned within said through-hole portion; and,

a vibration surface of said bone conduction device extended outward from said housing ~~by said cushioning material.~~

3. (Previously presented) The portable telephone using the bone conduction device as set forth in claim 2, wherein an opposite side of said bone conduction device also serves as a vibration surface.

4. (Previously presented) The portable telephone using the bone conduction device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the portable telephone is a foldable type provided with a housing constructed of two housing portions foldable relative to each other; and,

a folded position of the telephone, wherein a vibration surface of said bone conduction device abuts an inner surface of one of said two housing portions.

5. (Previously presented) The portable telephone using the bone conduction device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the portable telephone is a rotatable type provided with a housing constructed of two housing portions rotatable relative to each other; and

a vibration surface of said bone conduction device that abuts an inner surface of one of said two housing portions when the two housing portions are rotated closed.

6. (Previously presented) The portable telephone using the bone conduction device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the portable telephone is a slidable type provided with a housing having two housing portions that are slidable relative to each other when the telephone is in a closed position; and, when in the closed position of the telephone, a vibration surface of said bone conduction device abuts an inner surface of one of said housing portions, which is disposed oppositely from said other housing portions, wherein said other housing portions carries said bone conduction device of said housing.

7. (Currently amended) A portable telephone using a bone conduction device comprising:

a housing having a device installation opening; ~~and~~

a bone conduction device;

a device holder made of a resilient material wherein said device holder is constructed of a container portion and a fixing portion, wherein said container portion carries said bone conduction device therein, and wherein said fixing portion is fixedly mounted on an inner surface of said device installation opening of said housing of the telephone and said bone conduction device extends from said housing; and

a gap formed between said bone conduction device and said housing.

8. (Previously presented) The portable telephone using the bone conduction device as set forth in claim 7, wherein an abutting plate is fixedly mounted on said bone conduction device to cover a front surface side of said container portion, wherein said plate is so arranged as to slightly extend outward from said housing.

9. (Original) The portable telephone using the bone conduction device as set forth in claim 8, wherein a circular rib for receiving therein a peripheral edge portion of a rear surface of said abutting plate is provided in a front surface side of said container portion.

10. (Previously presented) The portable telephone using the bone conduction device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the portable telephone is a rotatable type provided with a housing constructed of two housing portions rotatable relative to each other in a closed position the telephone said vibration surface of said bone conduction device abuts one of said two housing portions;

an inner surface of one of said two housing portions oppositely disposed from the other one of said two housing portions.

11. (Previously presented) The portable telephone using the bone conduction device as set forth in claim 2, wherein the portable telephone is a rotatable type provided with a housing constructed of two housing portions rotatable relative to each other; and

a closed position of the telephone, wherein said vibration surface of said bone conduction device abuts an inner surface of one of said two housing portions.

12. (Previously presented) The portable telephone using the bone conduction device as set forth in claim 3, wherein the portable telephone is a rotatable type provided with a housing constructed of two housing portions rotatable relative to each other; and

a closed position of the telephone, wherein said vibration surface of said bone conduction device abuts an inner surface of one of said two housing portions.

13. (Previously presented) The portable telephone using the bone conduction device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the portable telephone is of a slidable type provided with a housing constructed of two housing portions slidable relative to each other; and

a closed position of the telephone, wherein said vibration surface of said bone conduction device abuts an inner surface of one of said two housing portions.

14. (Previously presented) The portable telephone using the bone conduction device as set forth in claim 2, wherein the portable telephone is a slidable type provided with a housing constructed of two housing portions slidable relative to each other; and

a closed position of the telephone, wherein said vibration surface of said bone conduction device abuts on an inner surface of one of said two housing portions.

15. (Previously presented) The portable telephone using the bone conduction device as set forth in claim 3, wherein the portable telephone is a slidable type provided with a housing constructed of two housing portions slidable relative to each other; and

a closed position of the telephone, wherein said vibration surface of said bone conduction device abuts an inner surface of one of said two housing portions.